Courtship, Engagement and Surprises Fol-In a casy little parlor in a World's fair hotel they sat together—he and she. "Mrs. Chickwell," he began, "may—may

dret name!"
- mily answered the charming young widow.

Amy! Lovely name!" he rejoined, taking her hand. "It seems as if I had known

as been at least three days and a

The has been at least three days and a kail," she murmured dreamily.

"Haven't we had abundant opportunity to get acquainted? Haven't we walked together the whole length of the Manufacture building? Have we not been."—

"But, Mr. Spatchley, think of?—

"Call me Harry," he pleaded, possessing himself of her other hand.

"Well, Harry, if you only knew."—

"I don't want to know, dearest. My heart tells me all I want to know. In my faraway California house I have often dreamed of a time like this, when."—

"California? And my home is in New England."

it wouldn't make any difference to me But, Harry"—

"I know what you are going to say, "This is sudden." It isn't sudden. I've waited more than three whole days, and my mind was made up the minute I saw you! Don't torn your head aver, dear, I'-"I have a little surprise for you, Amy," said the enraptured young man half an hour

ster, in some embarrassment. "Excuse He went out of the room and returned presently accompanied by a stout old lady with a determined expression of counts-

"My dear," he said, "this is my mother. She or will live with us, you know." "So glad! And I have a little surprise for

you, too, Harry."
She left the room and returned in a moment with five fair haired little girls, apparently ranging in age from 3 to 13. parently ranging in age from 3 to 13,
"These are my little durlings, Harry," she
whispared, "Lydia, Minerva, Penelope,
Rachel and Mehitable, kiss the gentleman.
He is to be your new papa."—Chicago

Dancing and Art.

It may create some surprise that we regard the dance as the earliest form of art, or even that we allow it say place among the fine arts. To many it may seem a kind of sacrilege to combine in the same category, however broad, such extremes as through the first throad the same category, however broad, such extremes as category, however broad, such extremes as a dancing savage and a painting of the last (adgment, and if the connection must be made some would choose to make it along other land, then there is a Bohemia than in any other land. other lines than those of art. But in truth the dance supplies us with the key, so to speak of the development of the fine arts. For light upon the problems of human culture we naturally appeal to the anthropolo-

modern frivoious amusement, but in the infancy of civilization it was full of pass - ary one infancy of civilization it was full of passionate and solemn meaning. Savages and barbarians dance their joy and sorrow, their love and rage, even their magic and religion. The forest Indians of Brazil, whose sluggish temper few other excitements can stir, rouse themselves at their monlight gatherings, when, rattle in band, they stir, rouse themselves at their moonlight gatherings, when, rattle in hand, they stamp in one-two-three round the great and altogether too much rain er not half rain stamp in one-two-three round the great
earthen pot of intoxicating kawl liquor, or
men and women dancing a rude courting
dance, advancing in lines with a kind of
primitive polka step, or the ferecious war
dence is performed by armed warriors in
you and me
you and me paint, marching in ranks hither and thither with a growling chant terrible to hear."

Tyler proceeds to describe the dance of the Australians and the buffalo dances of Mandan Indians, who, wearing makes.

"All this explains how in ancient religions dancing came to be one of the chief acts of worship. Religious processions went with song and dance in the Egyptian temples, and Plato said that all dancing ought to be thus an act of religion."—Popular Science Monthly.

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For the land where the poppy blows.

The mother dear is the engineer.

Ingenious Brushmaking Machine.

Hitherto the process in brushmaking of bunching the bristles and drawing them into the holes have been performed by hand. A finishing of peculiar ingenuity has just been invented for this purpose, the bristles being contained in a hopper, where they rest horizontally at right angles on the top of a disk, which by means of a treadle is caused to partially rotate, first in one di-rection and then in the other. The disk has a notch formed in its periphery, and as the notch passes under the bristles some of them enter into the notch; before the disk returns, a plate joined to the disk is moved and closes the mouth of the notch, the disk then comes back and carries away the tuft of bristle retained in the notch to a position from which it can readily be taken by the

fingers of the operative.

The whole arrangement is that of a peck-The whole arrangement is that of a pecker or gripper and can be regulated according to the quantity of the material required to fill the hole, the operative passing
the wire through the hole by means of a
special needle fitted to a clamp which is
held in the right hand, the loop being automatically formed. Into this loop the operator passes the ruft of bristles, pulls the wire and thus draws the bristles into the nole.-New York Sun.

A Strange Bosnian Superstition. A Strange Rosman superstition.

At Brazeka, in Bosnia, an old superstition has come to life again which resembles the fables of Jewish ritual murders. In Bosnia the people have believed at all times that a bridge could not be firm and lasting unless a human being was walled up in it. Thus there is a legend connected with the handsome Roman bridge at Moster which says that the fine arch across the tar which says that the fine arch across the tar which says that the fine arch across the Narenta could not be finished until the architect walled up in it a bridal pair. Now that a solid bridge is being built across the Save at Brazzka this supersti-tion is revived. It is rumored everywhere that gypsies are stealing children to sell them to the contractors, who wall one up in each pillar. A few days ago there was a regular pursuit of some unlucky gypsies, of whom it had been said that they were raiding for children.—London Daily News.

A Carlons Coincidence. William R. Wilson, who lived at Horton, Kan., applied about a year ago for a pen-sion for a wound in the left knee, received at Thompson's Station while he was a member of an Illinois regiment. The demember of an filinois regiment. The de-partment found on investigation that an-other William it. Wilson was drawing a pension for a similar injury and for serv-ices in the same company and regiment. Mr. Austin followed Wilson to Rulo, Neb., where he is now living, and found that his description was exactly similiar to that of the Illinois pensioner. Without making known his business he questioned Wilson, who proved beyond a doubt that he had a cousin in the same company bearing the

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The dozenth one hadn't anything more to almost discarded. The shortest period is four months black, no half mourning. The period of mourning for a father in-law is often shortened to six months when relatives reside at a considerable distance from each other,

A good story is told of the Indians, who cepted when a missionary asked them if they were willing to abstain from work on Sanday, "Yes, and not only on Sanday, but on all other days as well."

GEMS IN VERSE.

A Persian Foem. "Tell me, gentle traveler, then Who hast wandered far and wide, Seen the sweetest roses blow And the brightest rivers gible-Say, of all thine eyes have seen, Which the fairest hand has been?"

"Lady, shall I tell thee where "Lady, shall I tell thee where Nature seems most bleet and fair, Far above all climes bedder." The where those we love abide. And that little spot is best Which the loved one's feet bath pressed, Though it be a fairy space. Wide and appending is the place; Though twere but a barren mound. Though twere but a barren mound,
"Twould become enchanted ground.
With thee, you sandy wasts would seem
The margin of Al Cawthar's stream,
And then couldst make a dumeron's gloom
A hower where newborn recess bloom,"
—Jewish Messenger.

I'd rether live in Robernia than any other land For only there are the values true, And the laurels gathered in all men's view; The prizes of traffic and state are wor Hy shrewaress of force or by deeds undone. But fame is sweeter without the femi, And the wise of Bohemia are never shrewd. Here piterine stream, with a faith sublime, From every class and clime and time, Aspiting only to be enrolled With the names that are writ in the book of

and the hames that are writ in the gold.

And each one bears in mind or hand A palm of the dear Hohemia land.

A set olar first with his book—a youth Alians with the glory of her. A serious first with his back—a youth, A since with the glory of harvested truth, A girl with a pleture, a man with a play. A boy with a wolf he has modeled in only, A smith with a mirrorous hill and sword, A player, a king, a plownen, a jori—And the player is king when the door is passed. The players is crowned, and the lord is last! Do rather fall in Bohemia than win in another land.

land.

There are no titles inherited there,
No beard or hope for the brainless heir.
No gibbed dimend native born
To state at his fellow with leaden scorn.
Bolemia has none but adopted sons;
Its limits, where famp's bright stream runs;
Its honors, not garnered for thrift or trade,
But for truth and beauty men's souls have
not garnered.

empty heart in a loweled breast There is value maybe in a purchased crest; But the thirsty of soul soon learn to know. The moist ess freth of the social show; The moist-case recent of the social snow; The valuer sham of the pompous feast, Where the heaviest purse is the highest price. The organized charity scrimped and feed, In the name of a cautions, statistical Christ; The smile restrained, the respectable cant, When a friend in need is a friend in want;

-John Boyle O'Reilly.

Us farmers in the country, as seasons go and 'Danging," says Tyler, "may seem to us Is purty much like other folks—we're apt to

Mandan Indians, who, wearing masks to mark their impersonations, with rude songs and pantomimic gestures, enact their impedents of an imaginary hunt. And then he left in the rule in the left in the rule in the

The first train leaves at six p. m.

For the land where the poppy blows.

The mother dear is the engineer,

And the passenger laughs and crows.

The passenger winks and note and blinks And goes to sleep on the train.

The palace car is the mother's arms;

At eight p. m. the next train starts
For the poppy land afar.
The summous clear falls on the ear,
"All aboard for the sleeping ear," But what is the fare to poppy land? I hope it is not too doar. The fare is this—a hug and a kiss, And it's paid to the engineer.

So I ask of Him who children took On His knee in kindness great:
"Take charge, I pray, of the trains each day
That leave at six and eight.

"Keep watch on the passengers," thus I O'er the gentle engineer."

—St. Louis Star-Sayings.

Charity.

He who sits

And looks out on the palpitating world
And feets his heart swed in him large enough
To hold all men within it, he is near
His great Creator's standard, though he dwells
Outside the pale of churches and knows not
A feast day from a fast day, or a line
Of Scripture even. What God wants of us
Is that outcreating bigness that ignores
All littleness of alms or loves or creeds
And cleares all earth and heaven in its embrace. And clasps all earth and heaven in its embrace.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A Recipe For a Day. Take a little dash of water cold, And a little leaven of prayer, And a little bit of sunshine gold Dissolved in the morning air.

Add to your neal some metriment Add a thought for kith and kin, And then, as a prime ingredient, A plenty of work thrown in.

But spice it all with the essence of love And a little whiff of play Let a wise old book and a glance above Complete the well spent day. Housekeeper Disillusionment.

Disillusionment.

The cooling draft your fancy craved Slips tasteless down your career throat; The singer over whom you raved Gives out a hourse and rouvous note; The pile, to have which you would feet, Tastes bitter to your paints still: The kies you hongvered so to get Gave you no fascinating thrill; The momenta which seemed hest to you When realized seemed all too tame—And the happiest hours you ever knew Were the hours that never came.

—Chicago News-Record.

And rank for her meant duty, various, Yet equal in its worth, done worthly. Command was service. Humblest service dere By willing and discerning souls was glor, freeze Elect

sho proved beyond a doubt that he had a sho proved beyond a doubt that he had a consin in the same company bearing the same name, of the same age and description and wounded in the same part of the body.

English Mourning Etiquette.

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English Mourning for a company bearing the looking stream, over which passed a millowed for Cash, and be save evidently fishing. A suburban policeman passed by.

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"I know it."
"What are you fishing for?"
"Suckers that ask questions," replied the boy, "and I've ketched a even dozen in the The dozenth one hadn't anything more to say and thoughtfully moved on.—Detroit Free Press.

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